President Warmly Greeted in New Hampshire.

VISIT TO MR. HAY

THIS AFTERNOON HE GOES TO

CORBIN PARK.

Has Looked Forward With Pleasure to a Visit to Big Pre-

NEWBURY, N. H., August 29 .- A program intended to give President Roosevelt a period of rest and pleasure after nearly a week of hard work in traversing the New England states and delivering a large number of speeches was before the chief executive today. He passed the night at "The Fells," the summer home of Secretary of

until 10 o'clock today. Then he was going only to Newport, N. H., twenty minutes' ride by train from Newbury, to spend the rest of the day and the night in the great park owned by the late Austin Corbin of New York. The visit to this park, foremost among the game pre-serves of the country, was anticipated by the President with much pleasure. He will spend the night at the club house in the

During the morning the members of the President's party put in their time fishing and boating on Lake Sunapee, or in various other ways enjoying themselves. It was nearly the time scheduled for the train to leave for Newport when the President and Secretary Hay reached the station. Sena-tor Redfield Proctor of Vermont was wait-ing at the station. He is to accompany the party through Vermont. The meeting was most cordial between Senator Proctor and

Speech at Newport, N. H.

NEWPORT, N. H., August 29.-A large assembly greeted President Roosevelt on his arrival here. The President addressed the crowd for about ten minutes. He said: "It has been to me a very great pleasure to visit your state, and, above all, to meet your people. Your town here is a curiously exact reproduction of America as a whole. You have manufactories in your town-shoes, linens, underwear. You have hay and stock farms outside, and you there-fore have in this community the farmer and the townsman, the employer and the wageworker, the farm owner and the hired help. You have all the component parts that go to make up the entire American

body politic.
"In your four or five thousand citizens in the town and adjacent neighborhoods you have reproduced all the essential types of all our people among our eighty million in-habitants of the nation as a whole. These are the men who did best, to whom we owe most—those who fought in the great civil war—the men who did their duty in the

In other words, you have here the men who do the duty in time of peace-that means the building up of the nation-and, gentlemen, we are going to get good gov-ernment, square and fair dealing between man and man in the nation at large by the application of exactly the same principles der to get good government and decent liv-

Way to Get Good Government. "There is not any royal road to good gov-

ernment any more than there is a royal road to learning. You can give a child every advantage, give him books and teachers, but he has got to learn; he has got to do citizenship. You can frame laws and have good constitution, and after all has been ione that you can do in that way you have accomplished simply the creating of conditions which render it possible to have good citizenship

The good citizenship has to come from the people themselves. In this government, right here in your own town life, you have it in your own hands to secure fair dealionest obedience in private life and in public life, and you can only secure that kind of good government, that kind of social betterment, by each doing his duty ordinary work-day matters. And it is the same in the nation. I think we would be a little better off and would know beter what we can do and what we can't do In national matters if we would each of us think what can be done and what cannot be done in local matters. All that can be one by government is to create the condition under which man shall be given justice, shall be guarded against injustice and shall be left to work out his fate according to the stuff that is in him." (Ap-

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., August 29.-An official invitation has been telegraphed to President Roosevelt to extend his visit from Chattanooga to this city next month.

BEGINNING OF THE SHOOT. New Jersey Riflemen's Scores at Sea

Girt. SEA GIRT, N. J., August 29.-With crack riflemen of the country in attendance the thirtieth annual meeting of the National Rifle Association of America, the eleventh annual meeting of the New Jersey Rille Association, was formally opened today en

The teams that have arrived include representatives of the New York, Massachu-setts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Mary-land, the District of Columbia, Ohio and Georgia National Guard and the United States marine corps. The general suppostion is that the team that was expected to be here as representing the United States army is lost. The regulars were last heard from at Fort Sheridan, and the rumor is they disbanded before the War Department's order directing them to proceed to

A successful effort was made to secure the attendance of a team from the army, hurriedly organized from the department of the cast. It will reach here this after

Among the range officers who have ported are: Colonel James L. Rice of Illi-nois and Colonel W. S. Proskey, ordnance officer of Fiorida.

So far as the competitions are concerned the Jerseymen have the range all to them-selves today. The Columbia trophy match was the first in order. It was open to teams of six men from each regiment, troop, battery and separate companies of the Na-tional Guard or naval reserves of New Jes-The conditions were five shots each at 200 and 500 yards. The trophy was present-ed by the District of Columbia National Guard to the New Jersey Guard. The other match in progress is the New

Jersey National Guard match. It was open to New Jersey teams of six men, the conditions being ten shots each at 200 and 500 yards. The first prize was a trophy and

The scores of the 200-yard stage of the Columbia trophy match follows: Second Regiment, New Jersey—Capt. Martin, 22; Lieut. Coi. Cline, 19; First Lieut. Bresse, 20; Capt. Watson, 19; Sergt. Spencer, 21; Corp. Evans, 19. Total, 120.
Fourth Regiment, New Jersey—Capt. Springer, 20; Sergt. McGrann, 18; Corp. Smith, 21; Private O'Hare, 20; Maj. Lohman, 20; Sergt. Tomes, 21, Total, 120. man, 20; Sergt. Tomes, 21. Total, 120. First Regiment, New Jersey-Private Bull, IS; Maj. Rowland, 21; Private Gensch, 21; Private Wickwan, 15; Private Hub-schmidt, 22; Private Bell, 21. Total, 118.

PITCHER GARVIN DISCHARGED. One of Chicago Team Ran Amuck in Salcon.

CHICAGO, August 29.-Charles A. Comiskey, president of the White Stockings base ball team of the American League, today

BLUE GRASS POLITICS

LOOKING FOR A REPUBLICAN GAIN IN CONGRESSMEN.

Democrats Do Not Appear to Be United -Roosevelt Has Always Been Popular There.

Mr. John W. Langley, disbursing and appointment clerk of the census office, who had just returned from an extensive visit to his home in Kentucky, talked rather optimistically to a Star reporter today concerning the republican outlook in that state. He thinks that the present republican membership from that state will not only be maintained in the coming election, but that there are good chances for carrying one or two other districts.

Mr. Langley was urged strongly to make the race again in the tenth district. He declined to do so, not because he did not believe there were chances of republican success in the district, but for the reason that he believed there were others better able to make the race. He spoke in the highest terms of Mr. John G. White, who was nominated, and who is conceded even by his democratic opponent to be a very form!dable candidate. State Hay, and was not due to leave there

Mr. Langley says the republicans have also nominated a very strong man against Representative Kehoe in the ninth district in the person of W. H. Castner, and he thinks that the republicans have an equal chance of success there. Concerning the political situation in the state generally,

Democrats Are Not United.

"The democrats do not appear to be united upon any issue that will enable them to poll anything like their average vote in an off year. The money question has, of course, been abandoned. Each district democratic convention appears to have endeavored to frame its platform independent of the recent national platforms of the party.

"In my district they have gone back to the old issue of 'a tariff for revenue only,' and propose that as the best remedy for circumventing the trusts. This proposition, with a general declaration in favor of the principles of Jefferson and Jackson,

constitutes the platform.
"A great deal of capital has been invested in the mountain section of Kentucky lately in railroad, oil and other develop-ments, and the influx of population and capital following this will make a marked change in the future election returns there. This will, of course, be in the direction of the republican party.

"The effort of the democrats in some of the congressional districts to make the trust question the paramount issue is fall-ing flat with the people in view of the President's aggressive attitude upon that question. The people are having prosperous times, and my judgment is that thou-sands of democrats will not go to the polls this year because they are satisfied with existing conditions. It need not surprise you if the republicans make a gain from Kentucky in their representation in the Fifty-eighth Congress. "What seems to be the attitude of the republicans of Kentucky with reference to

the renomination of President Roosevelt?"

State Has Ever Been for Roosevelt. "Kentucky has always been for Roosevelt since he was first thought of in connection with the presidency. He is immensely popular with our party there, and I do not believe that it would be possible which you find it necessary to apply in or- for any candidate to prevent him from securing the instructions of the state.'

> "Whom do you consider likely that the republicans will nominate for governor in Kentucky next year?"

"I have not talked with a sufficient number of the leaders to answer that question.
I know, however, that the sentiment in our section of the state is largely in favor of the renomination of Mr. Yerkes. You will himself, and it is the same way with remember that he was defeated in 1900 by a very narrow margin, although the elec tion came in the same year of the Goebel assassination, when public sentiment was undoubtedly more or less adverse to the republican party because of that unfortunate event. He is one of our ablest and publicans will insist upon his making the race again; and if he does, I believe he will

NO END OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Occupants of Northwestern Lands Deluge Agricultural Department.

An amusing situation has arisen in the Department of Agriculture as a result of an interview which appeared recently in The Evening Star, and ample evidence of the wide circulation of The Star is furnished thereby.

In the interview referred to Secretary Wilson stated that it would be the aim of his department to afford every assistance to the settlers who are rapidly occupying the denuded lands which formerly constituted the pine forest regions of Wisconsin Michigan and Minnesota.

Specifying the line in which this assistcertain the grains, grasses and legumes best suited to the region, etc. He also said that shots constituting the flower of the military the region was being settled very largely by Scandinavians and Danes, and therein lay the trouble.

The Star interview has been quoted in the local papers of that region and numerous Association, was formally opened today on requests are pouring into the department the Jersey range. The weather was perfect asking for the immediate delivery of the and considerable good practice work was accomplished during the day by the sharp-shooters.

proposed assistance. Apparently the proposed assistance has come to be regarded by the prospective settlers as analagous to reconstruction days, and numerous Scandinavians and others are writing, often in peremptory terms, to state that the mule has not arrived, metaphorically speaking. The requests vary all the way from a team of horses to a cash payment. Some versatile correspondents have suggested the immediate construction of the beet sugar factory which the Secretary predicted would spring up. Others would like some modest little contribution, such as five tons of hay to tide their stock over the winter, fifty bushels of corn to finish their hogs.

wants an incubator. Another peremptorily demands that the government forester be sent immediately to set out trees, as he sees no prospect of get-ting firewood without hauling it for many miles. The fact that many of the communications received are a mixture of English and the Scandinavian languages, and that others are written in English, but with Norwegian characters, is adding to the pleasures of the young men who have When Secretary Wilson returns to the today from New England he will find largest correspondence awaiting him that he has received for some time.

OBJECT TO COLORED WORKMEN. Strike of 1,800 Men at Lebanon on

That Account. LEBANON, Pa., August 29.-A committee of the striking employes of the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company called at the office of General Manager Lord today and demanded that the colored non-union workmen from Reading and other men who had been sent here be removed and the old hands be taken back.

This was refused.

The committee then returned and reported the matter to their leaders, and a few moments later the men still at work, some 1,800, were told to come out. The order was obeyed almost to a man, and promptly at 9 o'clock all left the big plant. Each carried a small American flag. When the men filed out they were greeted by their friends on the outside. In the crowd were a large number of women. Much excite-ment of a subdued character followed the action of the men. Only the foremen of the different departments and a few black-

THE COAL PROBLEM

Commissioners Solicit Bids for District Supply.

TWO THOUSAND TONS

THE STRIKE SENDS PRICE TO \$8.70 PER TON.

Dealers Recently Quoted That Figure, Authorities Hope for Better Terms.

After vainly waiting from week to week for the strike to end the District Commissioners have at last decided to tackie the coal problem, and today set about securing a sufficient quantity to run the public schools of the District from the time of their opening in September until about Thanksgiving. At the usual time last June for entering into coal contracts the Commissioners called for proposals. All the bids received had to be thrown out on account of the excessive prices demanded by the dealers who would undertake to deliver the quantity of fuel demanded by the Commissioners or because of the stipulations made in the proposals with regard to the strike. The Commissioners felt sure that before the autumn the strike would have been settled, and that the usual prices paid for the anthracite nuggets would again be available

Throughout the summer the Commissioners bought a ton of anthracite now and then at the market quotations. But very little fuel has been needed at the various District institutions, so far, but the approach of the school year demands that some action be taken toward securing a sufficient quantity to run the furnaces from the first touch of cold weather until the Thanksgiving holidays at least.

Bids Solicited. The Commissioners today directed Mr. M C. Hargrove, the deputy property clerk, to address letters to the several coal dealers who have heretofore furnished fuel to the District, asking them to quote prices on 1,395 tons of white ash egg coal, 576 tons of white ash furnace coal, 91 tons of white ash stove coal and 30 tons of Lykens Valley stove coal, the latter coal being for the fire department. The coal for the fire department is to be delivered on or before September 20 and the remainder of the order is to be delivered one-half by Sep-tember 30 and the balance between that time and November 30. It is hoped by the Commissioners that in giving an order for

this quantity a reduction from the prevailing market quotations may be secured. The aggregate of 2,000 tons asked for the Commissioners today is but a small propor-tion of what will be required during the year. Last winter the anthracite burned in the District schools and institutions amounted to 13,420 tons. In addition to this a large quantity of bituminous coal was burned, but a contract for this class of fuel has already been entered into and no fear is felt on that score.

The Commissioners had occasion to buy twenty-five tons of anthracite coal today and finally secured it at the price of \$8.50 a ton. The first offer received by the property clerk was \$9.75, while another dealer quoted \$10.20 with the provision that the offer would hold good for only one hour.

Mr. Hargrove had to pay \$9 a ton several days ago for the Lykens valley quick-burn-ing coal which is used in the steamers of the fire department. The coal bought today for \$8.50 a ton was to be had in unlimited quantities last year at \$5.14 a ton. The coal purchased today was sent to the Washington asylum.

Increase in Price.

The prices quoted by several of the dealers in the proposals for this year ranged about \$8.70 and a bond was to be entered into to furnish the coal as desired. The Commissioners paid but from \$4.70 to \$5.80 for the same grades of coal last year, and the appropriations made for the present fiscal period were based upon those figures. It was impossible for the Commissioners to enter into the contracts, therefore, at the prices named, and so they decided to buy small quantities from time to time, in the hope that the strike might be settled soon. Unless an agreement is reached between the operators and the miners between now and Thanksgiving, however, it is not known just what the local authorities will do. To burn soft coal in the school furnaces would require many changes in the arrangements of those machines, and would, furthermore, create something of a nuisance at variance with the policy of the Commissioners in regard to the anti-smoke law.

MISS ANTHONY IN FINALS. Easily Defeated Her Opponent in Semi-

Final Golf Match. CHICAGO, August 29.-Miss Bessie Anthony, the star golf player of the Glenview ance would be rendered, the secretary said. Club and twice western champion, will dethat immediate steps would be taken to as- fend her title against Mrs. W. A. Alexander of Exmoor tomorrow in the finals for the championship and governors' cups, as a result of today's playing in the semi-finals on the links of the Onwentsia Club at Lake Forest.

From the start Miss Anthony had everything her own way in her match against Mrs. C. L. Deering of Midlothian, and she easily defeated her opponent-6 up and 5 to

Her play was consistently good, having at nine holes made the lead of six. Probably more interest centered about the play of Mrs. Alexander, who by no means had as easy a task as did Miss Anthony in taking her match from Miss Louise Gaylord of Onwentsia in 1 up. Miss Gaylord was somewhat nervous early in the game and allowed Miss Alexander to get a lead of 4 up at the twelfth hole. As the match neared the finish Miss Gaylord took a brace and held Mrs. Alexander to a clos score. Weather conditions were perfect, and a large gallery followed the players.

TENNIS AT NIAGARA.

Beals Wright and Miss Neely the Win-

ners. NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont., August 29.-The Niagara international tennis tournament was continued here this morning Beals Wright of Boston, in the open singles beat E. R. Patterson, the Canadian crack, in straight sets, and in the ladles' singles Miss Neely of Chicago won a close threeset match from Miss Champlin.
Scores: Men's singles, first round—A. C.
Macmaster beat S. C. Williams by default.
Second round—Beals Wright of Boston beat E. R. Patterson of Toronto, 6-3, 6-1.

Ladies' singles, semi-final round—Miss
Carrie Neely of Chicago beat Miss Nellic
Champlin of Chicago 6-4, 8-10, 6-4.

POWER SUIT ABANDONED.

Abrupt Termination of Northern Pacific Merger Litigation.

NEW YORK, August 29.-The hearing before Special Examiner Mabey in the Peter Power suit, brought to prevent the turning over of the stock of the Northern Pacific railroad to the Northern Securities Company, was brought to an abrupt conclusion today, when W. D. Guthrie of counsel for the railroads interested asked an adjournment sine die. No testimony was Under the ruling of the court all the testimony taken in the case has to be filed with the clerk of the United States circuit in Minnesota on Monday next.

Building Permits Issued. Building permits were issued today as

follows: G. H. Shumate, brick addition and repairs, 622 F street southwest; cost, \$953.80.

TWO COMPANIES MERGE POST

CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING CORPORATIONS.

The Agreement Ratified at Meeting Held Today-Papers Placed

on Record.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the United States Electric Lighting Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company held at the Washington Railway and Electric Company's offices at 14th and East Capitol streets today a deal for the pur chase of the United States Electric Lighting Company by the Potomac Company was consummated. This action has for a long time been anticipated by those well versed in the affairs of the local syndicate. and the announcement that the reorganization has been completed will not cause much surprise to the business people of Washington. At the conclusion of the board meeting today President Allan L.

McDermott of the Washington Railway and Electric Company' made the following statement to a Star reporter:

"The charter of the United States Electric Lighting Company, under the laws of West Virginia, expires on the 1st day of October. The corporate title of the company indicates the location of the business, for it is called the United States Electric Lighting Company of Washington, D. C.

"Since the company was incorporated a code of corporation laws for the District of Columbia has been enacted, and the stock-Columbia has been enacted, and the stock-holders of the company concluded that it was better that 'he West Virginia organ-ization be discontinued. As the interests which control the company are identical with those controlling the Potomac Electric Power Company, it was decided to sell the property of the United States company to the Potomac company, the sale to take place on the 30th of September next, which is the last day of the corporate existence of the United States company. The debenture oonds and certificates of indebtedness of the United States company are secured by mortgage upon the property of the United States company, which was today author-

Floating Debt and Contracts Assumed. "All the floating debt and contracts of the United States company are assumed by the Potomac company, which will, in pursuance of the plan of reorganization published last winter, fund all floating debt. To do this it will issue a mortgage of \$2,-500,000, as stated in that plan, and will retire and cancel its present funded debt, amounting to \$650,000. The consideration paid for the property of the United States company is \$3,250,000 of the stock of the Potomac Electric Power Company.

"The Potomac company was today by certificate filed with the recorder of deeds reorganized under the code of the District of Columbia, and in order to make the purchase an increase of its capital stock was made from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. "These proceedings practically cancel and retire the stock of the United States Electric Lighting Company."

TO STOP PRIZE FIGHT.

S. P. Thrasher Appeals to Henry Watterson to Start Agitation.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., August 29.-An open letter in regard to the proposed conest at Louisville, Ky., between Terry Mc-Govern and "Young Corbett" was sent today to Col. Henry Watterson of Louisville by S. P. Thrasher of this city, secretary of the Law and Order League of Connecticut. The letter recounts the recent history of prize fighting in Connecticut and the agitation against it, together with the measures taken to prevent the intended meeting between McGovern and Corbett at New Lon-

The letter suggests that Louisville should not be regarded as a dumping place for pu-gilists when shut out from New York, St. Louis or New London, and that it would eem to be feasible for some kind of an anti-prize fight movement to be inaugurated "The calling of a brutal prize fight a 'boxing match' does not change its charac-

ter," says the letter. "If the people of Louisville want a prize fight they should understand that they are to be treated to the real article on September 22. I think I know from your writings that you are opposed to hypocrisy of this

W. F. FLOYD VERY ILL.

Prominent Virginian Suffers Stroke of Apoplexy at Leesburg.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

LEESBURG, Va., August 29.-Mr. William F. Floyd of Northampton county, Va., who has been spending the summer months at the Linden Hotel of this place, and who suffered a severe attack of paralysis several days ago while sitting at the dinner able, is still very ill.

This is Mr. Floyd's second attack, and being about seventy years of age, his re-covery is very doubtful. Dr. West of this town is his attending physician. Mr. Floyd is one of the wealthiest citizens of North-ampton county, and there was discovered recently on his farm a very valuable deposit of gold. He is connected with some of the nost prominent families in Virginia, being a near relative of the late ex-Governor Floyd of this state.

Suspected Rapist Released.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. HAGERSTOWN, Md., August 29.-Will liam E. Bowers, alias Wilson Hart, the man arrested at Chambersburg, Pa., charged with attempted felonious assault upon John Shank's thirteen-year-old daughter near Hagerstown, Wednesday afternoon, was brought here this morning. When taken in the presence of the girl she stated positively that he was not her assailant and he was released. When arrested Bowers admitted he was in the neighborhood of the Shank home Wednesday afternoon, but claimed ignorance of the crime

Gobin Starts for Lansford.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., August 29.-General Gobin returned to headquarters here today and after going over the situation with Colonel Clement, who was in command during his absence, he decided to proceed to Lansford and make a personal investigation of conditions there. He left this afternoon on a special train for the Panther creek region, accompanied by Colonel Clements and Majors Millar and Farquhar. It is probable the 1st Battalion of the 12th Regiment will be sent to that region this afternoon, as Major Gearhart has made a request for assistance.

Committed to Board's Care.

Nettie Smith and her brother Harry, aged hirteen and nine years, respectively, were temporarily placed in the custody of the board of children's guardians by Judge Mills of the juvenile court this afternoon. The children were neatly dressed and of good appearance. They were present in me en

The mother of the little ones died about The mother of the little ones died about seven year's ago and the that time they have lived with their father. They have been boarding at the house of Mrs. De Vine, 911 H street northwest, for a time, and several days ago the father disappeared and Mrs. DeVine, when he failed to return, reported the matter to the board of children's guardians. An agent of the board who made an investigation learned the bard. who made an investigation, learned that the father, who had been employed as a printer at the government printing office, had been discharged about two weeks ago.

Senator Hanna Denies Rumor. CLEVELAND, August 29.-It was reported here today that George W. Perkins of J. P. Morgan & Company would arrive in the city during the day to hold a conference with Senator Hanna, chairman of the Civic Federation, relative to a settlement

Representatives in Congress Affected by Them.

SOMETIMES DEFEATED

DISAPPOINTED OFFICE SEEKERS TAKE REVENGE.

Great Number of Offices That Fall to

Some Members and the Troubles They Entail. "In a dispatch in The Star a few days

ago," remarked a postal official this morning, "in referring to the defeat of a member McDermott of the Washington Railway and of the reasons advanced therefor was that of the present House for renomination one he had 'made enemies through unpopular post office appointments.' "The shelving of this representative calls up post offices as they relate to members of

Congress, and he is but one of hundreds of men who have met their Waterloo by reason of the animosities engendered by the distribution of patronage along this line. While a representative's home machine is largely builded upon this patronage, and most of his recommendations are made with a view of strengthening his hold upon a renomination, it is the same machine which often flattens out his political future and prospects like a runaway automobile going over a stray chicken in the roadway. "There are a number of representatives who have 'no postmasters,' meaning that they come from the large cities, and their districts are such that they have no voice in the selection of the postmaster. City delegations often unite upon a man, but it is the senator, or the two senators, dependng upon the distribution of the patronage of the state, whose wishes largely govern in the selection of the postmasters of the very large cities. Instances are familiar Washingtonians where appointments of postmasters not agreeable to senators have been 'held up' in the Senate until the tangle has been straightened out, or not, as the case may have been, the members of the upper house being very zealous of their constitutional right of confirmation, and 'sen-atorial courtesy,' time honored and reverentially respected, going a great way to sus-tain the objecting senator. If the fights are bitter here the intensity of feeling at home may be imagined. A senator usually dictates the appointment of a postmaster his home city under a practice which has prevailed and been respected for many years. I refer to the senators and represenatives of the dominant party, the other side not being taken into consideration by

Some Very Large Districts. "Members of Congress who have few or

either party.

no appointments of postmasters are relieved of a tremendous lot of arduous and often thankless work. The general public has little conception of the bitterness which is aroused in a lively post office scrimmage, even when there is no change in the administration, while with a change it is often in-tense and lasting. Members who have a large number of post offices in their dis-tricts are almost daily at the department during the session upon one matter or another connected with appointments, resignations, establishments, discontinuresignations, establishments, discontinuances, change of name, mail routes, time and allowances, change of site, the renting of buildings for post offices, rural free de-livery, and a score of other matters in which their constituents are directly interested. Much of their correspondence has to do with these matters. Place yourself in the place of Delegate Flynn of Okla-homa. Mr. Flynn has served half a dozen terms. He has probably the largest number of post offices to look after than any other delegate or representative, though some of the southern members have a large number of the smaller offices to care for when their party is in power. Mr. Flynn had on July 1 of this year 777 fourth-class offices and thirty-six presidential offices to worry with, about as many as there are post offices in the states of Delaware, post offices in the states of Delaware Rhode Island, Nevada and Utah combined "It is rarely that senators mix up in fourth-class post office fights unless dragged in by circumstances. These tussles are by common consent given over to the representatives of the different districts to fight it out and to sweat blood over; the senators having enough troubles of their

A Member's Life Not a Picnic.

"Next to Mr. Flynn probably comes Representative Marshall of North Dakota with 690 fourth-class offices, and there are fortytwo presidential offices in that state, North Dakota having but one representative at large. Mr. Marshall is one of the members who plays to a full hand in the post office game of selection, as does Representative Mondell of Wyoming, who has 324 fourth-class offices, and Representative Sutherland of Utah, who has 326, these two latter states having but one representative, respectively.

other hand comes little Rhode Island with but 118 fourth-class offices for two representatives to divide, while diminu tive Delaware has 153 of these offices with one representative, or about as many in each of these two states as some members have in one or two counties in their dis-"Maryland has 1.023 fourth-class post of-

fices and six representatives, or an average of only about 170 to a district. Virten, has 3,677 fourth-class offices, or an average of about 367 offices to a district, while West Virginia, with a delegation of four representatives, has about 2,000 fourthclass post offices, or an average of 500 in a

These figures are instructive in showing the discrepancy in the number of post of-fices some members have over others, and the labor and trouble entailed in keeping them filled to suit all concerned. It is little wonder that representatives fall by the wayside in the attempt to please everybody. In a district, say, with 300 fourth-class post offices there are an average of at least ten applicants for each office, making a total post office seeking army of 3,000 voters, to say nothing of their adherents,

They Smile Sad, Wan Smiles. "Perhaps one-half of these candidates stand no show whatever of consideration, while the other half possess claims and are backed by factions which have to be reckoned with by the representative in making up his mind which one he will select as the recipient of his recommendation, for it is his recommendation which will carry with the administration, except in the isolated cases where it does not.

"It is for the representative's recommendation, consequently, that the struggle is made at home, and it is against his recom mendation that the contest is made at the department when a 'fight is on,' and the contestees endeavor to throw the representative's recommendation before the Postcase, and in the case of a presidential office before that official and the President. "Failing to win out, the beaten candidates return home, get out their knives and grindstones, and from that date industriously stab the representative at every op-portunity. The losers are bound to be sore, the representative frequently getting the sharp edge from several directions, and he perishes politically from the wounds in-flicted. He is a fortunate representative who can make his post office recommendations so adroitly that he carries water upon both shoulders.

"At the Capitol during the closing ses-sion of each Congress there are a number of representatives who smile a sad, wan smile when asked why they failed of renomination, and they murmur something about 'post office fights,' which are whole books to the initiated. Along these lines a representative's life is not what it is cracked up to be."

Would Not Beinstate Croker.

CONTROLLER TRACEWELL'S OPIN-ION ON THE SUBJECT.

Inconvenience to the Navy Department Occasioned by the Strike Now in Progress.

The coal strike has caused some incon venience to the Navy Department. Controller Tracewell has rendered an opinion to the Secretary of the Navy regarding the contract of the navy with the Beach Creek Coal and Coke Company for delivering 6,000 tons of coal at the League Island navy yard during the fiscal year ended June 30. The

"By the terms of the contract, the coal was to be delivered as called for by the Navy Department. About eleven days prior to the expiration of the fiscal year, and while some 2,800 tons of coal were due under the contract, a call was made on the contractors for the remainder of the coal due. This they refused to deliver, except perhaps a small portion thereof, upon the ground of the shortness of the notice and of the existence of labor troubles in the coal fields. They propose now, however, to deliver 1,400 tons in the next two months in lieu of the amount due, or to deliver the whole amount in reasonable quantities during the coming year.

controller says:

"You desire my decision as to whether the contractors may be called upon to furnish during the present fiscal year the coal required but not delivered under the contract for the fiscal year ending June 30,

"In reply I have the honor to state that there does not appear to be any question involved in the case which I have authority to decide unless deliveries are in fact made during the present fiscal year under the contract. If the contract was properly entered into during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, for the needs of that year, and deliveries are hereafter made under the contract, payment would have to be made according to the terms of the contract and from the appropriation for the fiscal year for which the contract was made. (8 Comp. Dec. 346.) It is not material that deliveries which should have been made for the fiscal year 1902 are not made until after the expira-tion of that fiscal year. Payment should be made from the appropriation for the fiscal year for the need of which the contract was made.

"Whether the government, under the cir cumstances, has a legal right to compel the delivery of the remainder of the coal notwithstanding the termination of the period during which delivery should have been made is a question which I am with-cut authority to decide, since its determination the one way or the other would not involve the expenditure of public money, except indirectly as above indicated.'

PERIOD OF PREPARATION.

First Part of War Maneuvers to Begin Tonight.

ON BOARD U. S. S. ALABAMA, off Menemsha Bight, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., August 20.-With the first period of the war maneuvers in which the White Squadron is to contend against the army, arranged to begin at midnight tonight, this day was the scene of much activity on board each warship of the fleet. Just when the battleships, cruisers and other boats will leave this anchorage is not known, except possibly by Rear Admirals Higginson and Coghlan, the officers in command. Although the period which starts at mid-night is known as the period of preparation, it is believed that very soon after the opening hour arrives the squadron, or some part of it, will get under way and proceed o an investigation of the situation in the "enemy's" country. It is understood that during the period of preparation there may

purpose of testing the efficiency of each part of the line of forts.

The squadron was augmented last night by the arrival of the converted yacht Maylower, the Gloucester and the Leyden. The 250 or more marines who have been camping on Martha's Vineyard returned to their ships today. Tents had been up since Monday and the shore service had put the men in excellent condition,

be actual bombardment or feints, for the

sions as to the results of the various maneuvers, also joined the fleet today. About fifteen observers in all reported, and, under orders from Rear Admiral Higginson, they were distributed among the various ships. In the midst of the preparation today a boat race arranged as a pleasant recreation for all before the beginning of "hostilities" took place between the crews from the Massachusetts and the Kearsarge. Each crew consisted of twelve men, with a cox-

swain, and the course was three miles. The race went to the Massachusetts. The boats were bow and bow almost all the way and the winning crew finished only a quarter of a length ahead. The time was 25 minutes. The scene at the finish of the contest almost rivaled a university regatta. Permission had been given for all hands to view the event, and there were 2,500 spectators ranging in rank from jackie to rear admiral.

To Arbitrate House Tax in Japan. YOKOHAMA, August 20 .- A protocol providing for arbitration of the question of the house tax, which has caused so much trouble, has been signed at Tokio.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock noon—Capital Traction, 10 at 126%, 20 at 1261%, 10 at 1293, 20 at 1261%, 20 at 1264%, 20 at 1264%, 20 at 1265%, 3 at 1264%, 10 at 1285. Washington Loan and Trust, 4 at 225. Washington Gas, 4 at 751%, 5 at 751%. Mergenthaler Linotype, 10 at 1863, 5 at 1863. After call—U. S. Coupon 3s. \$300 at 1662. 106%. Notice—The board will adjourn until Tuesday.

at 186%. After call—U. S. Coupon 3s, \$300° at 166%.
Notice—The board will adjourn until Tuesday, September 2, 1902.
Railroad Bonds—Capital Traction 4s, 108 bid. Metropolitan 5s, 119% bid, 119% asked. Metropolitan Cert. Indebt. 5s, 8, 106½ bid. Columbia 6s, 123 bid. Columbia 5s, 108 bid, 110 asked. City and Suburban 5s, 109 bid. Anacostis and Potomac 5s. 100 bid. Anacostis and Potomac 5s. 100 bid. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. 4s, 85 bid, 85½ asked.

Miscellaneous Bonds—Washington Gas Co. 6s, series A, 110½ bid, 116 asked. Washington Gas Co. 6s, series B, 110½ bid, 116 asked. U. S. Electric Light Deb. Imp. 6s, 106 bid. U. S. Electric Light Deb. Imp. 6s, 106 bid. U. S. Electric Light Cert. Ind. 6s, 106 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 103 bid, 105 asked. American Security and Trust 4s, 100 bid. Washington Market Co. 1st 6s, 108¼ bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 104 bid. American Graphophone Deb. 5s, 94½ bid. Safe Deposit and Trust Stocks—National Safe Deposit and Storage, 105½ bid, 108 asked. Railroad Stocks—Capital Traction Co., 126¼ bid, 126% asked. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 53 bid. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 53 bid. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Perf., 53 bid. The Washington Railway and Electric Co. Com., 18 bid.
National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washington, 275 bid, 439 asked. Metropolitan, 700 bid. Central, 280 bid. Earmers and Mechanics', 290 bid. Second, 170 bid. Critzens', 180 bid. Columbia, 190 bid. Capital, 150 bid. West Lind, 140 bid. Traders', 130 bid, 155 asked. Lincoln, 120 bid, 135 asked. Riggs, 725 bid, 780 asked.
Insurance Stocks—Firemen's, 25 bid. Arlington, 30½ bid. German American, 265 bid. Arlington, 104, 430 asked. Columbia, 104 bid. Safed. Columbia, 105 bid. Second, 170 bid. Central, 280 bid. Fernkilin, 49½ bid. Metropolitan, 75 bid. 90 asked. Columa, 90 bid. 110 asked.
Title Insurance Stocks—Real Estate Title, 94 asked. Columbia Title, 4% bid, 5 asked. Washington Title, 2 bid, 4 asked.

Telephone and Graphophone Stocks—Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone, 45 bid, 46½ asked. American Graphophone Pref., 8 bid, 16 asked. American Graphophone Pref., 8 bid, 16 asked. American Graphophone Pref., 8 bid, 16 asked.

Gas Stocks—Washington Gas, 75 bid, 75½ asked. Georgatown Gas, 75 bid.

Type Machine Stocks—Mergenthaler Linotype, 186½ bid, 186% asked. Lanston Monotype, 12½ bid, 12% asked.

Miscellaneous Stocks—Greene Con. Copper Co., 26½ bid, 27½ asked. Washington Market, 16 bid. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 180 bid.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets. CHICAGO, August 29.-Grain: High. Low. 70% 60% 67% 66% 67% 65% 43 42 84% 33% 30% 30%

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 Chicago, August 29. Provisions:
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 ball team of the American League, today unconditionally dismissed Pitcher Virgil Garvin from further service with the club. The cause assigned was Garvin's conduct last night, when he shot and slightly wounded a bartender and knocked a policeman unconscious with a blow from his man delared to a settlement of the stirct southeast; cost, \$300. The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company, frame addition, South Capitol of the antirect southeast; cost, \$300. The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company, frame addition, South Capitol of the antirect southeast; cost, \$300. The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad to an unconscituos frame addition, South Capitol of the antirect southeast; cost, \$300. The Baltimore and Pot

OFFICE FIGHTS A COAL CONTRACT FINANCE AND TRADE

Good Strong Undertone to Stock Market.

BUYINGOFREADING

ROCK ISLAND TAKES SPURT ON RUMOR.

Pennsylvania Said to Want the Road to Get Into Par Western Territory.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, August 29.-Prices in today's stock market reflected a steady undertone and some revival of buying by the several pools. London bought some stocks on balance, especially Union Pacific, upon which foreign houses are inclined to rely for leadership in the American department. Locally interests were thought to have encouraged higher prices for the stock in the hope of making the convertible features of the bonds attractive.

The pool in Southern Pacific was thought to have ceased selling stock for the time being and was again supporting the price. There is no abatement of confidence in the ultimate success of the pool in fulfilling its original predictions of higher prices as the result of earnings.

Atchison issues were something of a feature throughout the day, both the common and preferred shares selling up substantially under an increased volume of business

The fact that Rock Island was stronger under buying by the same interests who were active in the Atchisons led to the revival of the rumor which first attracted attention nearly eighteen months ago. At that time it was hinted that the progress of events in the railroad world might force the Pennsylvania to depart from its traditions and enter the field be-yond the Mississippi. Should such a step be decided upon there is no doubt but that Atchison would be the road most sought after, and possibly both it and the Rock

In order to make the latter road figure in such a deal, now that it has been so thoroughly "financed," the so-called Moor following were said to be buying into Atchison in the hope of strengthening their pe sition. The Rock Island's chances for such a deal have been decidedly reduced by the recent recapitalization, but Atchison is a strong, independent property and is reasonably sure to be watched from now on as an important factor in the western rallread situation. Reading issues were strong under a good

inside demand, record prices being male for the common shares. The coal stocks reflected the growing conviction that the strike is nearing the end, but beyond the violence in the coal region there was no news to confirm this view. Erie stocks are growing in favor, but they move only when Readings are leading the coal group. Ru-mors of a settlement of the strike over the holidays influenced the late trading in these Southern railway made an excellent statement of earnings and all the securities in that section reflected a firmer tone. Illi-

nois Central was steady under moderate dealings and St. Paul and Nashville made fractional gains. The industrial list was irregular, the express company shares reacting under realizing sales and the tractions gaining a few fractions on the prospects for good carnings.

Indications are that the banks have lost \$5,800,000 in cash during the week, but have reduced both loans and deposits. Bankers

market, but the call rate over to Tuesday

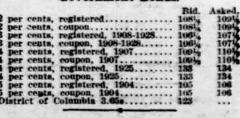
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Big Fire at Tourcoing, France. TOURCOING, France, August 29 .- A disastrous fire has occurred here in a wool-